

**WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DIVISION &  
GULF OF MEXICO PROGRAM OFFICE  
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 9/12/14**

**WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DIVISION**

**INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENTS AWARDED TO INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FOR FY 2014 ALBUQUERQUE AND OKLAHOMA DRINKING WATER TRIBAL SET-ASIDE (DWTSA) PROJECTS:**

The Assistance Programs Branch, and the SRF and Projects Section presented Inter-Agency Agreements (IAs) to the Albuquerque and Oklahoma Indian Health Service (IHS) offices. EPA Region 6 has completed eight IA requests with IHS for \$1,733,000 of the allotted \$1,763,000 toward the construction of various water projects. Seven Albuquerque IHS projects with DWTSA funds totaling \$1,513,000 have been selected for awarding. The selected projects are the Pueblo of Santo Domingo (\$156,000), the Pueblo of San Ildefonso (\$100,000), the Pueblo of Acoma (\$800,000), the Pueblo of Mescalero-Apache (\$250,000), the Pueblo of San Felipe (\$68,000), the Pueblo of Pojoaque (\$97,000), and the Pueblo of Santa Clara (\$42,000). These projects will benefit 3,088 households. One Oklahoma IHS project for \$220,000 was selected for the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas and will benefit 54 households. **Curry Jones, 665-6793; Maurice Rawls, 665-8049; Dena Hurst, 665-7283; Kim Ngo, 665-7158**

**ATTOYAC BAYOU WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN:** EPA Region 6 completed review and awarded conditional acceptance of the Texas Attoyac Bayou Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) on September 4, 2014. These WPPs are required under the Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program. EPA acceptance of these WPPs opens the door for NPS funds to be awarded to states for study and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control NPS pollution. The Attoyac Bayou WPP was developed by the Texas Water Resources Institute, a part of the TX A&M Agrilife program, under contract with the TX State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Attoyac Bayou is located in East TX, about 70 miles south of Longview, and has a 550 square mile watershed. The bayou is impaired by bacteria, and the WPP addresses implementation of BMPs to reduce bacterial impairment. **Mike Bira, 665-6668**

**OKLAHOMA WATER QUALITY STANDARDS:** The Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) is currently planning a 2014-2015 interim revision of Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards (WQS). On October 8, 2014, OWRB will hold an informal public meeting in Oklahoma City to discuss potential revisions to Oklahoma's dissolved oxygen (DO) criteria provision, site-specific copper and zinc aquatic life criteria for the City of Broken Bow's receiving waters, and additions to Appendix H (relating to groundwater beneficial uses). Draft wetland-specific WQS will be discussed at a subsequent OWRB public meeting to be held on October 28, 2014. Staff from the Watershed Management Section have been coordinating closely with other Water Division program staff on review of the preliminary draft DO criteria revisions and wetland WQS. **Melinda McCoy, 665-8055; Russell Nelson, 665-6646; Richard Prather, 665-8333; Tami Sundquist, 665-8360; Mike Schaub, 665-7314; Taimur Shaikh, 665-7181**

**FOUR NEW REGION 6 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STORIES CREATED:** Water Information and Analysis Team staff have completed layout for four new green infrastructure factsheets; two from Louisiana, one from Texas, and one from New Mexico. The factsheets, which will next be published to the internet, are meant to recognize and promote the use of green infrastructure practices in Region 6 and beyond. **John Stadelman, 665-7394; Patricia A. Taylor, 665-6403**

**EPA REGION 6 APPROVES 14 TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL) SUBMITTED BY THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (ODEQ):** On September 8, 2014, EPA Region 6 approved of the final total maximum daily load (TMDL) document titled “2014 Bacterial and Turbidity Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Oklahoma Lower Red River – Little River Basin Study Area” which includes 14 TMDLs addressing bacteria and suspended solids. The total number of approved Oklahoma TMDLs in FY2014 is currently 34. **Taimur Shaikh, 665-7181**

**PRETREATMENT PROGRAM AUDIT & MUNICIPAL POLLUTION PREVENTION ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, NM:** A member of the Permits Oversight Section of the NPDES Permits and TMDL Branch, will lead a Pretreatment Program Audit/Municipal Pollution Prevention Assessment (MPPA) of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico Pretreatment Program on September 16-18, 2014. The Audit/MPPA will focus on Pollution Prevention activities and Pretreatment Program implementation. **Rudy Molina, 665-6731**

**SOURCE WATER PROTECTION BRANCH PROVIDES INPUT FOR PERGAN ENFORCEMENT LETTER:** 6WQ-S provided comments and edits on a letter that R6 Enforcement and Regional Counsel is preparing for John Blevins’ signature. This letter will be sent to Pergan Marshall, LLC and is related to their Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) violations. The SDWA violations are related to the TCEQ delegated Underground Injection Control Program and the RCRA violations are related to the R6 injection well no migration petition. This letter will also include RCRA and SDWA information requests and 6WQ-S has also provided input on these requests. **Brian Graves, 665-7193**

### **GULF OF MEXICO PROGRAM OFFICE**

**LOUISIANA RESTORE PUBLIC MEETING:** Jane Watson attended a public meeting to gather public input on priorities and projects the State of Louisiana might sponsor for funding with RESTORE Act dollars in compensation for damage from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, hosted by the state’s Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) at University of New Orleans on September 4, 2014. CPRA received comments that state permitting of the RAM coal export terminal, a facility proposed in the area of a large restoration project in Louisiana’s mid-Barataria Basin, conflicted with coastal restoration planning. Commenters also noted that the federal agencies on the RESTORE Council did not have a central repository for the public to advocate for projects and programs to they might seek or support. CPRA asked for any input on potential projects by September 30, 2014. **Jane Watson 228-688-1204**